

COMPETITIONS.

Plans, sections, and elevations for a Terminus, and other requisite accompanying offices, for the Great Southern and Western Railway, Ireland.

A premium of 30 guineas will be presented to the party offering the best plan of Docks, capable of admitting ships of 1,000 tons burden, to be erected at Burnham, in the Bristol Channel.

Designs for houses to be erected at Dover. The ground is nearly seven acres in extent, and lies on a gentle slope between the south-west boundary of Dover Castle and the town. A premium of fifty guineas is offered for the set that may be most approved of.

APPROACHING SALES OF WOOD, &c.

BY AUCTION.

The timber and other trees now standing upon the estate at Woodseaves, Salop. By order of the Lord Chancellor made in the cause "Dickin v. Barker."

At Wiston Woods, near Nayland, Essex: all the Timber, Timber-like Trees and Saplings (consisting of Oak, Ash, Elm, Asp, Birch, and Cherry) arising from the Wood of 13 Acres called "Hills."

At Kersey, near Hadleigh, Essex: 130 Capital Oak Timber Trees, 70 Oak Standels, and about 30 Pollards, lying on "The Ivy-tree Farm."

At the Three Swans Inn, Hungerford: 400 valuable Oak Trees of first-rate quality, felled on the Chilton Lodge Estate.

The Fourth Portion of the Materials of the Fleet Prison, comprising the entire South Wing of the Principal Building, and the Infirmary.

At West Wickham: 31 Oak, Ash, and Elm Trees of good quality, and 60 sound Pollards.

At Eversden Wood, Cambridge: 80 Oak Timber Trees, clean, sound, and of useful dimensions.

At Bourn, Cambridge: a capital Fall of prime Oak Timber, comprising about 100 Trees of good dimensions.

At Monk Sherborne Brick Kiln, Basingstoke, Hants: upwards of 200,000 new Building Bricks, 40,000 Arch ditto, 25,000 Tiles, &c.

At Little Bentley Hall, Essex: several Acres of Plantations, consisting of superior Firs, Larch, Spruce, &c., to be taken down by the Purchaser.

At Brandon, near Coventry: several Thousand prime Oak Trees, and a quantity of Planks and Quarterings.

BY TENDER.

A Virgin Forest of Valuable Timber in Walsch. The principal part of the Trees is Oak. The said Forest may produce about 500,000 cubic feet of Timber.

MEETINGS OF SCIENTIFIC BODIES

During the ensuing week.

MONDAY, May 26.—*Geographical*, 3, Waterloo-place, 8½ p.m. (anniversary); *British Architects*, 16, Grosvenor-street, 8 p.m.; *Medical*, Bolt-court, Fleet-street, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, 27.—*Medical and Chirurgical*, 53, Berners-street, 8½ p.m.; *Civil Engineers*, 25, Great George-street, 8 p.m.; *Zoological*, Hanover-square, 8½ p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 28.—*Society of Arts*, Adelphi, 8 p.m.; *Geological*, Somerset-house, 8½ p.m.; *Pharmaceutical*, 17, Moombury-square, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, 29.—*Royal*, Somerset-house, 8½ p.m.; *Antiquaries*, Somerset-house, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, 30.—*Royal Institution*, Albemarle-street, 8½ p.m.

SATURDAY, 31.—*Institute of the Fine Arts*, (Society of Arts), Adelphi, 8 p.m.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Westminster Abbey."—"A lover of Gothic" complains of the incivility of the vergers here, and of the haste with which, against his will, he was hurried round the church and not allowed to pause on the ground that "if let alone he might do some injury." Surely some arrangement could be made in as to allow visitors who wish to use their own eyes, and examine the wonders of this building for themselves, to take their own time in doing so?

"An Architect" (Nottingham).—"Cam. Cam."—"the Rev. J. S." will see that the subject of their letters has not escaped our attention.

"C. A. jun." is thanked for his communication.

"John Ledger."—"We shall be glad to receive local papers containing notices of the proceedings at Little."

"Sir Robert Peel's Portrait Gallery."—"The number of THE BUILDER containing the engraving of the premier's new portrait gallery at Brayton Manor, is still on sale at the Office in York-street."

"W. L. Short."—"The account forwarded is generally known, and hardly requires to be reprinted. We are nevertheless obliged, and may make some use of it."

"X. Y. Z." (Nottingham).—"We cannot cast a slur by implication on the parties employed. If

our correspondent has any direct charge to make, and will favour us with his name in confidence, it shall have all consideration.

"A Constant Subscriber" (City), asks a very wide question. Mr. Manby, the secretary of the Institution of Civil Engineers, could probably give him the information he seeks.

"G. Collier."—"The weight of the tin box should be given."

"Plan for Ameliorating the Evils and Improving the Condition of the Working Classes," is left at the publisher's for the writer, with thanks.

"Tubes for Chimney-flues."—"A subscriber wishes some information on this subject, and to know where they can be obtained."

"C. T." (Norwich).—"Two copies were sent to Reepham as directed, another shall be forwarded."

"New Churches."—"A correspondent remarks, that in several of the new churches no 'chancel' are provided for the use of the congregation, and urges their necessity."

"Hotel, Whitehaven."—"Messrs. Burton, Aldersgate-street, request us to state that the letter signed 'Sempster Idem' did not emanate from them."

F. T. (Newcastle).—"We cannot give any general reply to the inquiry. If submitted, we shall be happy to remunerate our correspondent for whatever we may consider available."

Received.—"Messrs. Rigby."—"Proceedings at the Institution of Civil Engineers."

ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOLBORN AND FINSBURY SEWERS, MIDDLESEX.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS

for the LIMITS give NOTICE, that their Office, Hatton Garden, is open daily between the hours of Ten and Four, where information can be obtained (gratis) by persons about to Purchase or Rent Houses or Property, or take Land for Building purposes, of the situation and level of the public sewers, capable of affording sufficient drainage, and which they recommend all such Persons to apply for at the above Office.

By the Court,
STABLE AND LUSH, Clerks.

COURT OF SEWERS FOR WESTMINSTER, AND PART OF MIDDLESEX, No. 1, Greek-street, Soho-square.

TO BUILDERS and Others Interested in buildings or in ground for building upon, within the district under the jurisdiction of this Court, drained by water-courses falling into the river Thames, between the city of London and the parish of Fulham.

The Commissioners hereby give notice, that by an Act of the 47th Geo. III. (chap. 7, local) it is required that, previously to the making of any new sewer in any street, lane, or public way, or in any part intended to become a street, lane, or public way, or to carry off or drain off water from any house, building, yard, or ground, into any sewer under their management, or within their jurisdiction, a notice in writing shall be given to them, or to their clerk at their office, and that such new sewer or sewers shall be constructed and made in such manner and form as shall be directed by the said Commissioners, and not otherwise.

And, in order to prevent the serious evils and inconveniences that must arise from ground proposed to be built upon being excavated to too great a depth, the Commissioners have directed that, upon application being made at this office previous to the excavation of such ground, information shall be given as to the lowest depth at which the same can be drained.

And, the Commissioners do also give notice that, whenever the lower floors or pavements of buildings shall have been laid so low as not to admit of their being drained with a proper current, they will not allow any sewers, or drains into sewers, to be made for the service of such buildings.

It is recommended to all persons about to purchase or take houses, or other premises, to ascertain whether such premises have separate and distinct drains into common sewers.

All petitions must be delivered at this office at least three clear days before they are presented to the Commissioners; and all such petitions will be called on in the order of their application, and the name of any party not present when called on to support the application will be struck out, and the proceedings must in consequence be commenced de novo.

All communications made with any sewer without leave of the Commissioners will be cut off, and the parties making the same will subject themselves to a fine.

By order of the Court,
LEWIS C. HERTSFLET, Clerk.

WESTERN LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

OFFICE, 49, PARLIAMENT STREET, WESTMINSTER.

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The attention of the unassured portion of the community cannot be too pointedly drawn to the unusual advantages offered to the Public by this Society over those of many others, as it enables all classes to effect life assurances in the manner most convenient to themselves, and amongst other of its popular features that of allowing the Assured (by Table 2) to leave half the ANNUAL PREMIUMS unpaid for seven years, will not be found undeciphering public attention.

Immediate and deferred ANNUITIES, and every description of Life Assurance business, undertaken by this Society.

Prospectuses and all other requisite information will be furnished on application to the Secretary, or the Country Agents of the Society.

EDWARD T. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

NOTICE TO INVENTORS.

OFFICE FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS OF DESIGNS, 11, LINCOLN'S INN-FIELDS.

THE printed INSTRUCTIONS, gratis, and every information upon the subject of PROTECTION for INVENTIONS, either by Letters Patent or the Design Acts, may be had by applying personally, or by letter, prepaid, to Mr. Alexander Prince, at the office, 11, Lincoln's Inn-Fields.

ATKINSON'S CEMENT.—The public is

respectfully informed, that the price of this very excellent Cement, which has now been in use for Architecture and Engineering works upwards of thirty years, is reduced to 2s. 3d. per bushel, and may be had in any quantity at Wyatt, Parker, and Co.'s Wharf, Hulsland-street, Surrey side of Blackfriars-bridge.

N.B.—This Cement being of a light colour, requires no artificial colouring or painting, and may be used for stucco with three parts its own quantity of sand.

MARTIN'S PATENT CEMENT.

TO ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS, AND PAINTERS IN FRESKO.

STEVENSON AND SON, PATENTEES and

SOLE MANUFACTURERS, beg respectfully to

announce that this beautiful cement has now arrived at a degree of excellence far surpassing their most sanguine expectations. For all internal work it possesses a great superiority over every article hitherto in use; it is now being used extensively by Government in the building of Hospitals and other public buildings. IT DOES NOT THROW OUT ANY SALT, but presents a beautifully plain and perfect surface, which may be painted upon dry work within four days without peeling. It is equally applicable for walls or lath, for mouldings, architraves, skirting, or flooring; and is admitted to form the best ground for fresco painting, having been used for many of the fresco frescoes lately exhibited in Westminster Hall. It will bear as intense heat without cracking, and for hardness, durability, and economy, cannot be equalled.

106, DRURY-LANE, LONDON.
Agent for Liverpool and Manchester, Mr. R. Part, 11, Atherton's-buildings, Dale-street, Liverpool.

KEENE'S PATENT MARBLE

CEMENT.—The Patentees of this composition beg

to refer to the British Museum, the Royal Exchange, the new works at Bethlem Hospital, Greenwich Hospital, and the Coliseum in the Regent's-park, as buildings finished or in progress, in which Keene's Cement has been used as an internal stucco. Its superiority to common plastering is manifest in its extreme hardness, and the rapidity with which it dries, which qualifies it to receive paint or other finishing sooner than other water cements.

When employed for skirtings, architrave, and other mouldings, in place of wood, it checks dry-rot, is impervious to vermin, prevents the spread of fire, and is more economical in its application than the material for which it thus becomes the substitute.

Confirmation of these statements is to be found in the almost universal adoption of Keene's Cement for skirting and wall flooring in the new houses on the Hyde Park Estate, where its application is to be seen to the fullest advantage.

In Liverpool and Manchester, Keene's Cement has in several cases been used for the covering of the fire-proof warehouse floors, where its lightness and hardness give it the preference over sand and flagging, which are much heavier, and necessarily leave the floor intersected with numerous joints, whilst Keene's Cement is laid down in one unbroken surface.

The high polish and marble-like hardness of which this Cement is susceptible render it the most suitable material for the manufacture of Scagliola.

Patentees, J. B. WHITE & SONS, Millbank-street, Westminster, Manufacturers of Roman and Portland Cement.

Depot in Liverpool, 36, Seel-street; James Woods, Agent.

TO ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS,

BUILDERS, MASON, AND PLASTERERS, MECHANICS, SHIPPERS, AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.

JOHNS AND CO.'S PATENT STUCCO

CEMENT.—The following are the positive advantages

possessed by this Invention over every Cement hitherto introduced:—It will effectually resist Damp. It will never

vegetate nor turn green, nor otherwise discolour. It will never crack, blister, nor peel off. It will form a complete Stone casing to any Building covered with it. It so closely resembles Stone that it is impossible to detect it. It never requires either to be painted or coloured. It will keep fresh and good in any climate for any number of years.

It is the only Cement that can be depended upon for export, it is the only Cement that can be used with confidence by the Sea-side. It may be used in the hottest or coldest climates at any season. It will adhere to any substance, even to Wood, Iron, or Glass. It will carry a larger Proportion of Sand than any other Cement. It matures by age, and becomes perfect when other Cements begin to perish. It may be worked through the Winter, as frost has no effect upon it. It may be used on the Inner Walls of new Houses, which may be papered over or painted directly. Roads laid or pointed with this Cement will remain undamaged by the severest Storms. Any Plasterer may apply it, the Instructions for use being very clear and distinct. The first cost of this material does not exceed that of the cheapest Cement now in use; but with all the above-named extraordinary and valuable advantages, nothing can approach it in point of economy.

Architects and Builders who have used this Cement have declared that it requires only to be known, to be universally preferred.

Specimens may be seen, and a Prospectus fully describing the Cement and its mode of application, together with a volume of Testimonials from every part of the Kingdom, may be obtained on application to MANN and CO., SOLE AGENTS for the Patentees, 5, Maiden-lane, Queen-street, Cheap-side, London; of whom also may be had,

JOHNS AND CO.'S PATENT STONE-COLOUR

STUCCO PAINT, expressly intended for Painting over exterior Walls of Houses that have been covered with Roman or other Cements, and which have become dirty and discoloured. It is in every way better suited for this purpose than White Lead Paint, which will frequently come off in flakes, being in direct chemical opposition with Cement; whereas MESSRS. JOHNS AND CO.'S PATENT PAINT, having an affinity for Stucco, binds itself with it, stopping the suction, thereby rendering the wall proof against weather, and in the finish producing a pure stone-like effect, producible by no other Paint whatever. It is cheap in its application, and may be used by any Painter, in any climate, even in the most exposed Marine situations.